

House Resolution No. 1081

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Herndon, treasured residents of Marionville, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on March 7, 2004, with a festive celebration held at the First Baptist Church in Marionville; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on March 6, 1954, Willis Herndon and Kay Cook began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Marionville; and

Whereas, Mr. Herndon provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through many years of exemplary employment with the United States Air Force and the Federal Bureau of Prisons, while somehow finding the time and energy to serve as Mayor of Marionville for six years, member of the Aurora Honey Creek Golf Club and the Apple Fest Committee, and Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, and Sunday School Superintendent at the First Baptist Church of Marionville; and

Whereas, Mrs. Herndon enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a paraprofessional with the Marionville Schools for sixteen years and Sunday School Teacher at the First Baptist Church of Marionville, of which she has been a member since 1936; and

Whereas, proud parents and devoted grandparents who enjoy attending their grandchildren's sporting events, Willis and Kay Herndon attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their daughter and son-in-law, Gayle and Randy; and their two grandchildren; and

Whereas, with the words of the Lord to guide their way, Willis and Kay Herndon have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Willis and Kay Herndon upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Willis Herndon, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Jack Goodman
District No. 132

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1081, adopted March 15, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker